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In the news
Teen sues city after Brooklyn basketball fall

PARK SLOPE. A Brooklyn teenager is suing the city after he injured his knee. Dion Richardson, 16, said his hopes for a basketball career were crushed after a fall at MS 51 in Park Slope. He and his mother reportedly sued the city after he broke his left knee during a game. He said a wet hole caused him to slip. The city argues that it is not to blame.

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In the news



Cops search for murder suspects

WAKEFIELD. Cops are looking for two men wanted in connection with a murder. Police say that on May 16, cops found Miles Klein, 52, dead in a White Plains Road apartment in the Bronx. Police are searching for two Hispanic men in connection with the crime.

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High danger on city roofs

► As the weather warms up, many head outside to roof parties or balcony relaxing ► But before you host an outdoor party, check to make sure railings are safe ► Don't flick away that cigarette while you're enjoying a rooftop view

Warmer weather is giving way to a season of sunny balconies and rooftop parties — but make sure that the city view doesn't come with a nasty fall.

A vertical city can mean high-rise accidents, whether falls from rooftops and balconies or accidental fires sparked during a barbecue.

Anthony Albino, a builder with City Decks New York, told Metro he often sees roof decks that are not built nearly strong enough to hold someone getting a tan — much less dozens of people crowded together for a rooftop party.

Weak beams can allow pockets of water that may mildew and decay the wood — leading to soft spots, he said.

"This poses a serious accident," he said.

Many buildings, he said, have railings that are not tall enough — he advises 42 inches.

"We often encounter situations where the railing is smaller than this, and any person leaning on the railing can flip over," he said.

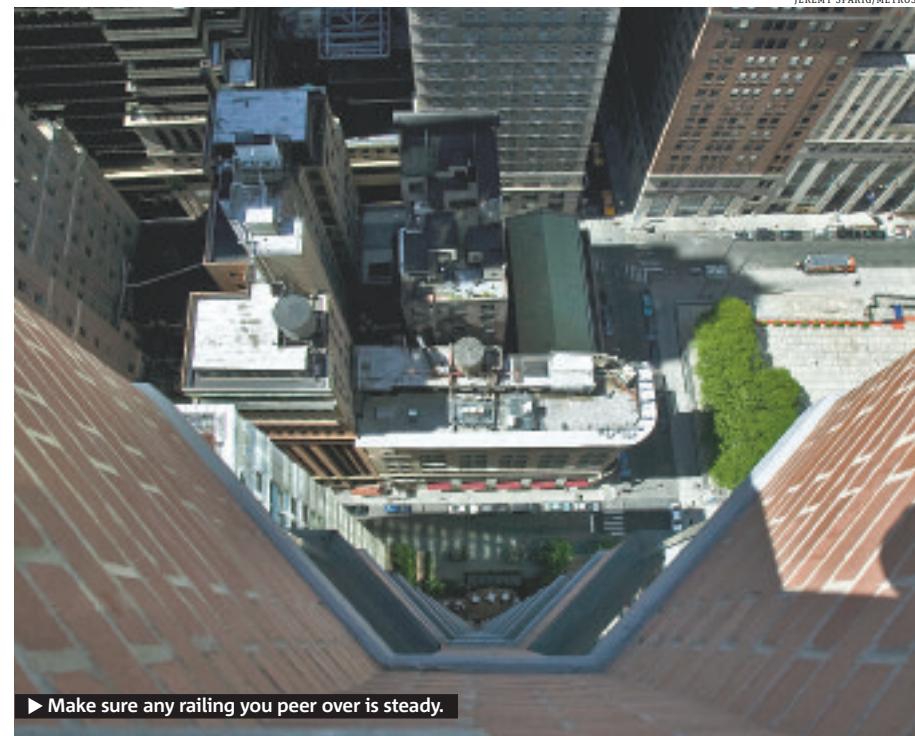
In 2010, the Department of Buildings declared balconies in 16 buildings unsafe after a 24-year-old man fell to his death when a 24th-floor railing gave way.

At the time, inspectors said that 800 building owners had

Warning signs

Albino listed these problem areas in roof decks:

- Railings that are not high enough
- Beams under the deck that are not structured well enough to support a deck, which can lead to decay and weak spots
- Decks created with wood, which can decay or easily catch fire



► Make sure any railing you peer over is steady.

High-altitude falls

1 In March 2010, Connor Donohue, 24, fell from his 24th-floor balcony in Midtown after a railing gave way. Officials later ordered residents in 16 buildings to stop using balconies.

2 In May 2010, Nicholas Blossom, 21, fell from a balcony in Chelsea, hitting his head on a

fence as he fell. He survived.

3 In August 2010, Nicole John, 17, the daughter of the U.S. ambassador to Thailand, fell to her death from a Herald Square apartment's 25th floor.

4 Hana Lin, 26, fell from a Warren Street balcony in March 2011, landing on a fifth-floor roof. She reportedly might have been trying to reach her cell phone, found next to her at the scene.

a rooftop party.

A few years ago, a cigarette started a fire at a Chelsea building, he said.

"Someone put out a cigarette on the roof deck," Long recalled. "It smoldered for a while, and it lit everything up."

And make sure however you arrive at a high space is safe.

"We've had situations where people are on roofs and decide to get down an unsafe manner, climbing down a pole or a fire escape, and they slipped and fell," Long said.

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Speaker Quinn weds in weekend ceremony

MEATPACKING. Saturday was a day for personal, not political, events as City Council Speaker Christine Quinn married her longtime partner, Kim Catullo, in the Meatpacking District. The wedding hosted about 275 guests, with the theme "spring in New York." Flowers were modeled on wildflowers grown on the High Line, and photographs of Washington

275 The 275 guests included Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New York Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer.

Square Park, the Empire State Building and the New York Public Library were also included in decorations. © METRO/AB



► Newlyweds

Four charged after 125-pound pot bust

BROWNSVILLE. Four people were arrested after cops found 125 pounds of marijuana in a Brooklyn apartment.

According to the NYPD, on Friday, cops executed a search warrant at a Tapscott Street apartment, finding 125 pounds of marijuana and

a handgun, along with ammunition, inside. Cops charged Michelle Maxwell, 44, Melissa Garvey, 25, Mario Anthony, 38, and Franz Williams, 32, with possession of marijuana, criminal sale of a substance and possession of a weapon.

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Hero dad saves woman's life after fall into subway tracks

Quoted:

"That should give them a healthy fear of the [subway] platform."

GREG WETZEL, IN REFERENCE TO HIS THREE CHILDREN WHO WERE PRESENT DURING HIS HEROIC ACT

But Wetzel said there was a lesson to be learned for his two sons, ages 6 and 7, and his daughter, age 4.

"That should give them a healthy fear of the platform," he said.

The unidentified woman was taken to Roosevelt Hospital following the rescue, according to the report.

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Strength. Coney



► Coney Island hosted a show of strength.

JEREMY SPARIG/METRO

Could you hoist a fire hydrant?

A man lifted a fire hydrant Saturday at the Strongman Spectacular in Coney Island. The event, which also featured men bending skillets with their bare hands, promised to bring back "a time when the handlebar mustache and leopard-skin tunic were standard fare as feats of strength were displayed on the streets of Coney Island." ■ METRO/AB

Back Surgeons Laughed At My New Disc Machine - Until My First Patient...

Finally, A Breakthrough In The Treatment Of Back & Neck Pain And Sciatica Caused By Bulging, Herniated Or Squashed Discs

In this doctors opinion, the best breakthrough treatment for serious back pain of our age is NOT surgery, but a non-surgical, safe & painless, state-of-the-art technology now available in New York City.

New York, N.Y. – My name is Dr. Nicholas Ungaro D.C. and the following is a true story.

The wife of well known local surgeon was one of my very first decompression patients... Her husband, the surgeon, told her "That won't hurt you, but it's not going to help."

He was referring to my new disc machine that reduces and eliminates the back pain and sciatic pain out of those with disc problems.

I really could not believe that a surgeon would make that comment about a new treatment they obviously knew nothing about.

Of course, the surgeon husband recommended, what else, surgery!

The Back Surgeon Was Dead Wrong!

Lucky for my patient, she chose to take my advice. After a thorough examination, I determined she was a candidate for Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression.

I recommended a course of treatments that lasted five weeks and to my patient's pure delight, the severe back pain she had been taking drugs for was going away.

By the end of her treatment, she was totally pain free! She was pain free and off the pain medications for good.

Do You Have A Disc Problem?

If you experience any of the following in your back or neck, chances are your pain is due to a disc bulge, herniation or degeneration:

- A vice-like squeezing feeling in your back
- Sitting causes back or leg pain
- Stabbing pain at the belt line or in your neck
- Can't turning over in bed without hurting
- Numbness in your toes or fingers
- Fire down your legs
- Searing pain radiates into your arm
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Finally, Some Good News

If you've been suffering with back pain or arm/leg pain caused by a disc bulge, disc herniation or squashed or compressed discs,

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Recent medical studies on spinal decompression and my clinical experience can give new hope to disc pain sufferers.

Until recently, the only advice for many of you suffering in pain was to try what you've been told:

- Try exercising
- Try physical therapy
- Try pain medications
- Try muscle relaxers
- Try pain shots
- Try dangerous back surgery
- Just live with it

If you're like most, none of these have worked for you or you are afraid of what could happen if you do try some of these. Exercising makes you hurt more, pain medications and muscle relaxers cover up the problem and give you side effects. Pain shots can cause more pain, don't work or don't last very long or FIX the problem, back surgery didn't work or made you worse. Or maybe you were one of the lucky ones that back surgery actually helped, but now the problem is back with a vengeance.

Caution! Decompression is DIFFERENT than old time traction or hanging upside down or inversion machines which can make your muscles squeeze the discs even harder!

Whatever your situation, you owe it to yourself to check into a Breakthrough Computerized Non-Surgical Treatment for back pain and sciatic or leg pain caused by a bulging, herniated or squashed disc or discs.

It has helped thousands of people who were suffering just like you. This new treatment machine. I'm calling my squashed disc machine.

How Do Discs Go Bad?

Over time the discs in your back tend to get squashed or compressed, especially if you've played certain sports when younger or have a job that requires lots of sitting or standing in one place for long periods of time. Car accidents, lifting things, very physical jobs just to name a few.

It's kinda like a cookie with cream filling, and the cream filling will start to ooze out from between the sides of the cookie if pressure is applied on top of the cookie (like gravity on our spines).

Eventually this happens to a lot of us. Statistics are something like over 80% of Americans will suffer with back pain sometime in their life. Back to my new computerized squashed disc machine. You're probably wondering how this new machine works.

How Does This Machine Work?

Haven't you ever had the thought..."Gosh, if somebody could just pull me apart... I would feel a whole lot better". Yeah, I know you have. And it kinda makes a bit of sense.

Well someone else, actually a medical manufacturer, back pain specialists, neurosurgeons and engineers have come up with just that. A machine that gently pulls you apart, stretches the disc to a certain point that causes a drop in pressure inside the disc (like a little vacuum in the middle, the cream filling) causing the cream filling to suck back in!

In my clinic, I've treated hundreds of patients with non surgical spinal decompression with great results.

The good news is that there are only a very small percentage of people we can't help. **And I'm going to let you know if you're not right for the treatment.** Here's what an applicant said after I told him that I couldn't help them:

"I thought I'd write a note to you and all of those potential patients who have serious doubts (as I had) about your decompression treatments. Actually, I thought your procedure was more of a psychological placebo designed for everyone, instead of a non-surgical process that could repair injured vertebral discs. Imagine my surprise when you advised me that my condition was too severe for your procedure to correct. To me, that refusal added world's of credibility to your program. It showed me that you are only there to help patients; not just to take their money. I assure you that I will recommend you to anyone I know or meet that suffers from spine and/or disc pain. I can do this knowing full well that they will be treated right."

*Best Regards,
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And that's why I'm giving you for a limited time an opportunity that could change your life.

Like Mr. Weber, Most Serious Back Pain Sufferers Are Very Skeptical Of This New Procedure, As Skeptical As I Was When I Purchased My First Decompression Machine, So If You Are Skeptical... See What Some Of Our Patients Who WERE Good Candidates Have Had To Say About Our Program:

My name is Dale. I'm a Verizon telephone field technician. I was hurt on the job when a piece of flooring in the building collapsed. I had broken bones and hurt my back. Over the years, I've had manipulation under anaesthesia, chiropractic, physical therapy, orthopedists, dozens of epidurals on my spine, botox in the muscles of my back. Doctor's wanted to do surgery, not something I wanted to do. I saw the ad in the newspaper, I said I'll give it a shot. I was very skeptical at first. I've been coming here for about 5 weeks, doctors here are great, staff treats you like family. I'm down about 75% of my pain in the back. It's phenomenal. I'm sleeping a 100 times better. No sleeping pills, I was almost living on them. I'm thrilled. Give it a shot, the only thing you have to lose is your pain.

Dale Eadeh, Staten Island, N.Y.

"Before the procedure, I was living with stabbing leg pain. I had back pain for years and tried just about everything for relief with no success except taking a lot of pain pills. Years ago I had a surgery, but now I was worse than when I started. I had spent 2 weeks confined to my bed, sweating bullets. The pain pills stopped helping and I suffered terrible spasms. I couldn't walk at all, I had to crawl to use the toilet. Over time, I was able to move around again, but not for long. Walking for more than 30 minutes was too much and I had to rest. When I first read about the DRX-9000 I couldn't believe it. I decided to give it a try because I was desperate and frankly, I had no other options. After about 2 weeks I started to feel better. By 4 weeks I was playing with my grandchildren, bending over, able to walk around. The best part was that I had my freedom back. I didn't depend upon anybody. Now, I'm back to playing golf again which I'll enjoy this winter in Florida!".

Jack Fineman- Retired- New York, N.Y.

"I've suffered for years with back and leg pain. I was a high-school basketball star. I used to play with Earl The Pearl Monroe. Believe me I have gone everywhere and tried everything to get rid of pain. I had chiropractic, physical therapy, epidurals, acupuncture, tons of medications, acupuncture, manipulation under anaesthesia -- nothing helped! I had several bulging lumbar discs and I was resolved to do anything to correct it. I'd suffered for years and I'd had enough. I began to be pain free after my first treatment! These doctors, their technique is the best I've ever had. I've tried everything, but this is no joke here, they're the best." Therber Cadwell, Newark, N.J.

"I had terrible low back and hip pain. It affected my daily activities, just walking hurt. I hadn't had a good night sleep in a long time. I tried everything under the sun!! I tried P.T., prescription medication, acupuncture, epidural injections, etc, etc. Now, I find myself SKIPPING - I haven't moved this fast in a long time. My sleep is improving too.

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Teacher's union head focus of suit

NEW YORK. The head of the city's teacher's union is the focus of a new lawsuit. A math teacher filed a lawsuit last week in Brooklyn federal court accusing the union of covering up a scandal after United Federation of Teachers president Michael Mulgrew

was allegedly found having sex with a staffer at a Brooklyn school. The teacher alleges that the city used this to blackmail the union into accepting concessions. UFT spokesman Dick Riley called the lawsuit "a catalog of absurd, false charges." **METRO/AB**

Diplomatic crisis

Chen, a self-taught lawyer, was imprisoned after he filed suit in China on behalf of a group of women who he said were forced to be sterilized. Chen sought asylum at the U.S. embassy in China, setting off a diplomatic standoff in which the U.S. government lobbied China to approve Chen's move to the United States.

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Chinese dissident arrives in NYC

► Will study law at New York University ► New Yorkers welcome him as he arrives in Greenwich Village ► But some students say they're more focused on finals

Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng is looking forward to the peace and quiet of Greenwich Village.

"For the past seven years, I never had a day's rest," Chen said through a translator Saturday. "I have come here for a bit of recuperation in body and of spirit."

Chen will join New York University School of Law as a visiting scholar. He arrived at Newark Liberty International Airport Saturday night after weeks of a diplomatic back-and-forth between China and the U.S.

He and his family have moved into a building in Washington Square Village, a complex of four buildings where many of NYU's star academics are known to live.

Chen's new digs may be restful and resort-like for the famous lawyer, but not everyone in the neighborhood is happy about the swarms of media stationed outside of the building.

"I was looking forward to the students being gone for the



► Chen Guangcheng

summer, but I guess this puts an end to that," said Francis Dard, a barista who lives across the street.

On Sunday, barricades blocked the entrance to the building and an officer was on duty to assist building security.

Nearby to the Chen family's new home, some students don't have time to ponder the international hubbub.

Third-year law student Dan Shapiro said he hadn't even heard of Chen. "I've spent the last few weeks immersed in finals," he said.

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Adoption. Pets



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Gloria, 2 years old, is a calico kitty who was rescued from harsh conditions — but her outgoing spirit and love for affection shines through. This pretty girl is FIV+, but that shouldn't keep her from living a long, healthy life. Because of her condition, she can only live with other FIV+ cats. She enjoys batting at string toys. Gloria is spayed and up-to-date on all vaccinations. She comes with a microchip and free follow-up vet exam. To take Gloria home, or to find our more information, stop by the ASPCA headquarters at 424 E. 92nd Street, visit Adoptaspca.org or call 212-876-7700, ext. 4120.

Lockerbie bomber dies of cancer at 60

Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, the Libyan convicted of the 1988 bombing of a PanAm flight over Lockerbie, died of cancer yesterday at age 60, leaving many questions on the attack and its aftermath unanswered.

Megrahi, who said he was not responsible for bringing the jumbo jet down on the Scottish town and killing 270 people, was found guilty in 2001 but was freed in 2009 and returned to Libya because he had terminal cancer and was not expected to live long.

Megrahi's brother Mohammed told Reuters he had died at his home in the Libyan capital from complications from prostate cancer and the funeral would take place today.

"He was too sick to utter anything on his deathbed," another brother, Abdulhakim, said. "Just because Abdul Bas-



► Megrahi

set is dead doesn't mean the past is now erased," he said. "We will always tell the world that my brother was innocent."

The decision by officials in Scotland to return Megrahi to Libya angered relatives of many victims, 189 of whom were American, and was criticized by Washington as Megrahi returned to a hero's welcome from Muammar

Gaddafi.

That he survived for nearly three more years, outliving Gaddafi, who was overthrown last year, caused discomfort in Britain. Prime Minister David Cameron, visiting the United States yesterday, said Megrahi should never have been freed.

Scottish leader Alex Salmond said his death confirmed his medical condition had been serious. "Mr Megrahi's death ends one chapter of the Lockerbie case, but it does not close the book," he said, noting Scottish lawyers were seeking other suspects.

Megrahi, the only person convicted for the bombing, was found guilty under Scots law of secretly loading a suitcase bomb onto a plane at Malta's Luqa Airport, where he was head of operations for Libyan Arab Airlines in December 1988. **REUTERS**

Italy. Earthquake



► The 6.0 magnitude quake struck at 4:04 a.m.

ROBERTO SERRA/IGUANA PRESS/GETTY IMAGES

Historic buildings damaged

A strong earthquake in northern Italy killed at least six people, injured dozens and damaged historic buildings including a famed medieval castle early yesterday. The damage is the greatest loss to Italy's artistic heritage since an earthquake in 1997 ravaged the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. **REUTERS**



Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb dies

LONDON. Robin Gibb, who with his brothers Barry and Maurice formed the disco-era hit machine the Bee Gees, has died aged 62, his official website said yesterday.

The singer had been battling colon and liver cancers.

"The family of Robin Gibb, of the Bee Gees, announce with great sadness that Robin passed away today following his long battle with cancer and intestinal surgery," a statement posted on his official website said.

"The family have asked that their privacy is respected at this very difficult time."

The Bee Gees achieved superstardom in the 1960s and 1970s with a string of catchy love ballads and disco hits including "Stayin' Alive," "How Deep Is Your Love" and "Night Fever." **REUTERS**

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Facebook shares could fall below IPO price

Shares in social media company Facebook Inc. could fall below the initial public offering price of \$38, Barron's wrote in its May 21 edition.

Facebook saw its shares rise a scant 0.6 percent to \$38.23 on Friday in the first day of trading.

The stock stayed above the \$38 IPO price, supported in the market by the deal's underwriters. But Barron's said the "big question" this week will be whether they continue to do so.

Its shares still look overpriced compared with rivals

\$104B Value of Facebook on its first day of public trading.

such as Google Inc., and all the more so given Facebook's challenges in drawing revenue from mobile device users, the financial weekly wrote.

Facebook's shares also face the prospect of pressure from heavy sales of stock between now and the end of 2012 if early and inside investors get rid of shares ahead of a potential rise in capital gains taxes, according to Barron's. **REUTERS**



► Mark Zuckerberg wed longtime girlfriend Priscilla Chan on Saturday.

Zuckerberg changes status to married

Facebook co-founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg wed longtime girlfriend Priscilla Chan on Saturday, announc-

ing the nuptials through a status update on the social networking site.

The 28-year-old billionaire's wedding took place a day after Facebook's initial public offering on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

More than 280,000 people "liked" Zuckerberg's status

change, which was accompanied by a photo of the smiling couple in wedding attire in a small, verdant outdoor setting with a string of lights behind them.

Zuckerberg designed a simple ruby wedding ring for Chan himself, People reported. **REUTERS**

Facebook's Saverin to pay 'hundreds of millions' in tax

Facebook Inc. co-founder Eduardo Saverin, who became a billionaire through the social network's initial public offering, said he'll pay "hundreds of millions of dollars" in taxes to the U.S. government.

Singapore-based Saverin, who was born in Brazil and moved to the U.S. as a child, used his life savings of \$30,000 to fund Mark Zuckerberg's plan for a social-networking site. Facebook was valued at \$104.2 billion and Saverin's stake may be worth \$2.89 billion.

Saverin renounced his U.S. citizenship last year, a move that could reduce his tax bill by at least \$67 million, according to an analysis by Bloomberg. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer proposed legislation yesterday that would impose a capital gains tax on people who renounce their citizenship unless they prove their reasons don't include avoiding taxes. **BLOOMBERG**



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LOVERS AND FIGHTERS

► Love, battle and patriotism ► The Taliban aren't just ferocious fighters, they're accomplished poets, too

"Oh, my homesick and exhausted lover! You still need to walk to reach your pretty house. This world full of darkness seeks your red blood's hue."

Shakespeare? No, it's Taliban member Abdul Basir Ebrat. "The Taliban listen to poems everywhere," says Felix Kuehn, a German researcher who lives in the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar. "They listen to it in their cars and on their phones. Even people who're not Taliban, and who may even have fought against the Taliban,

listen to Taliban poetry."

The Taliban publish their poems on the Internet, too – in fact, their websites have entire sections dedicated to poetry. But when Kuehn and his research partner, Felix Strick van Linschoten, arrived in Kandahar several years ago, they noticed that while Western analysts poured through every sentence on the Taliban's websites, they ignored the poetry. Now Kuehn and Strick van Linschoten have collected the best poems in the anthology "Poetry of the Taliban," published in

English this month.

Some of the poems are romantic: "Your love aside, what else is there? It is like approaching the desert." Some are religious, while others express despair over life. Yet others are true warrior poems. "They smash the foreheads of our people without guilt. I swear that I'll bring earthquakes to your home," writes a fighter named Nasrat.

Taliban have been writing poems ever since their earliest days in the 1980s. "They'd fight a battle and sit down and write a poem afterwards," ex-



► A chip on their shoulder and a song in their hearts?

plains Kuehn. "In that way, they're not different from soldiers elsewhere."

But a book with Taliban poetry is not uncontroversial. "It doesn't do anything but give the oxygen of publicity to an extremist group [that] is the enemy of this country," Britain's former commander in Afghanistan, Richard Kemp, told a British newspaper.

Q&A

How good are the poems?

Sarah Browning, poet and director of Split This Rock, says: The strongest poems are the ones about human cost and discontent. They're very alive, have

plenty of imagery and a lot going on. The pastoral poems have a lot of clichés. When you "go to jihad with your pen," as one of the poets writes, you compromise your art.

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Sabermetrics: Analysts and athletes play ball

► A growing academic field uses statistics to study baseball ► Courses springing up in US colleges, including Tufts and Seton Hall ► We touch base with sabermetrics maven Andy Andres

Until 10 years ago, Andy Andres drew a line between his passion for baseball and his academic career. But when Baseball HQ — a popular fantasy baseball site — asked him to research a few major league players, he happened upon a perfect synthesis of his scientific training and hardball geekdom.

By 2004, Andres founded his own sabermetrics (see sidebar) course at Tufts University, following the Red Sox's first World Series championship in more than 80 years. Now this full-time Boston University biology professor finds himself amidst a growing field of ac-

By definition

What is sabermetrics?

Sabermetrics is the use of statistical analysis to study baseball. It is typically used to better understand the value of individual players and the effects of in-game strategy. The term was coined by analyst Bill James and later popularized by Michael Lewis' 2003 book, "Moneyball," which chronicled the implementation of these principles by the Oakland A's.

demic study (baseball, not biology). These days sabermetric courses can be found at many universities, with more on the way.

"Students are doing it on their own all over the country, and there's hundreds if not thousands of them that want to do this kind of work for their careers," says Andres. "I think there will be a slow groundswell. It's a niche course right now. I don't think it will remain that way."

But will we ever see a job listing that reads: "Wanted: General Manager of Boston Red Sox. Requirements: extraordi-



► Andres

nary patience and an M.A. in baseball analytics?"

Likely not. But, in the post- "Moneyball" era, the MLB has certainly warmed to the eggheads in the front office.

"We're seeing the trend now: Baseball teams are hiring very good analysts. They're all college graduates," says Andres. "These people are very good at computer science and statistics. So, already, you need to be very proficient in these areas of your college study to work in baseball."

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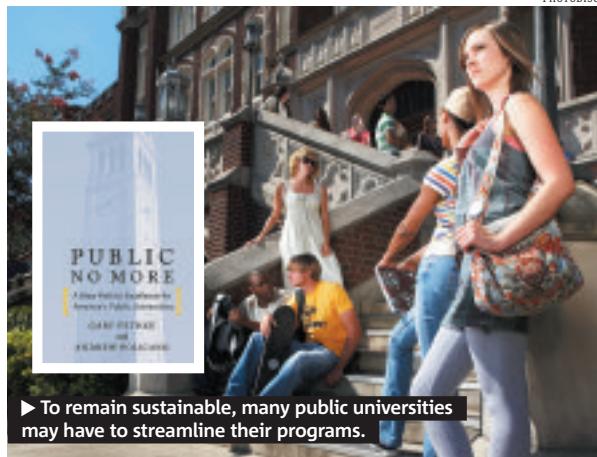
Andrew Policano is the dean of the School of Business at University of California-Irvine. His latest book — “Public No More: A New Path to Excellence for America’s Public Universities” — was co-authored with former University of Iowa Business School dean, Gary Fethke. It will be released this week by Stanford Business Books.

Do you believe that we are facing the end of public-funded higher education in the U.S.?

Yes. But what we mean by this is no longer being dependant on the state for the primary source of funding. It does not mean a lack of access or diversity.

You write that a truly public university is no longer sustainable. Is a 35 percent tax rate for the wealthy sustainable? Are these issues related?

Tax rates will have to go up for everyone over the next decade. Those long-term trends are pretty clear. That's the macro. But the micro here is the question of efficiency with most major public universities. For instance, most of them offer at least 80 undergraduate majors. Some offer more than 200. Is that scope efficient in any sense of the word? Our model is a high-tuition, high-financial aid



► To remain sustainable, many public universities may have to streamline their programs.

model — rather than the current low-tuition, high-subsidy model. Ours is more market-focused, reacting to the needs of the marketplace and the students.

But when we alter public higher education to reflect consumer choices, do we risk having luxury gyms on campuses at the expense of rigorous study?

I think there's some truth to that. But the issue is that somebody's willing to pay for luxury gyms, and it's reflected in the price of their education. But if you're doing a lot of things on public campuses that people are not willing to pay for — tax-

payers, students, donors — you have to ask why you're subsidizing it.

Are too many people influencing decisions at public universities?

We have a lot of governance resting with the faculty at the lower levels, and a lot at the board of regents — the higher level — and very little in the middle. That creates havoc with trying to be innovative.

That sounds democratic.

Why is that bad?

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IS JUSTIN BIEBER MOVING ON?



The feed ...
► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in 140 characters or fewer.

@BobNewhart
After a 50 year career, people do occasionally recognize me. The men think I'm an old army buddy and the women think I'm their first husband

@pattonoswalt
I don't care if Mick Jagger is turning into Lily Tomlin before my eyes, I'll always love him.

@lindsaylohan
La county, tax payer contacting, a light just went out on sunset just by hillcrest #fixit

@SarahKSilverman
It's not my fault if my hair looks better dirty. God obvs has a plan.

Justin Bieber activated the equivalent of a rabid tweenage bat signal when he tweeted a cryptic message over the weekend.

"Thank you for the time I had with you but I have to move on now," the pop star posted to his account. This comes after rumors that when visiting the set of girlfriend **Selena Gomez**'s new movie, "Spring Breakers," he fell for her nearly identical co-star, **Vanessa Hudgens**.

For her part, Gomez closed her Instagram account, then took to Facebook with photo of herself at a shooting range with the ominous caption, "Released some stress today."

Twitter, Instagram, Facebook: Are you following this? Forget that these two are famous — it's nearly impossible

for any teenager to get dumped with a little dignity these days. We never thought we'd say this, but long live the days of dial-up AOL in your parents' dining room.

Rough start to Rihanna's week

Bieber isn't the only one going through a rough time on Twitter. After spending Saturday night out in London at Jay-Z and Kanye West's "Watch the Throne" tour, Rihanna effectively live-tweeted her way through the four steps of a hangover on Sunday:

► **Denial:** "U know life is great when u wake up at 9 am DRUNK!!!!!"

► **Recognizing a problem:** "So



► Bieber may be borrowing a new starlet's hair spray.



ummm.... I'm supposed to be on a plane rt now!

► **Hiding and welcoming death:** "That's probably housekeeping in my room right now but I'm just gonna wait til they notice I'm still in my bed and leave"

► **Making amends:** "You will be very disappointed to know last night was my final hurrah til my vacation! I ain't about this life"

We'll say it again: We miss the romance of telling this to your toilet in private.



Congrats, Canada

After making headlines for being allowed to strut in the Miss Universe Canada competition, transgender beauty queen **Jenna Talackova** went home without a crown. She did, however, make it into the top 12 on Saturday night and won Miss Congeniality.

The real story here: Canada has 12 hot women. Who knew?

Tribute band: Tag us in!

After **Van Halen** canceled the remainder of their tour on Friday, tribute band Van Halen's Army offered to step in. "They have an obligation to fulfill..." Somebody signs up to do the job, they should complete it," a guitarist identified as Joe tells TMZ. "We could easily do it — our singer sounds exactly like **David Lee Roth**!"

We're not sure if that's something to brag about, Joe, but we do appreciate a trooper over here.

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Goodbye Kristen, hello again Lil' Kim

1: Mick Jagger, center, hosted the season finale of "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. In addition to some hilarious sketch work, he churned out some rocking versions of **Rolling Stones** classics with the help of **Foo Fighters** and **Arcade Fire**, left. At the end of the show, the latter band played a medley of "She's a Rainbow" and "Ruby Tuesday" as Jagger announced the departure of star **Kristen Wiig**, right, who graciously shared a dance with some of the co-stars she worked with for seven seasons.

2: Sir Mick wasn't the only Stone who kept things rolling this weekend, as **Ronnie Wood** and **Cyndi Lauper** performed during the Ronnie Wood Alive Party at the 65th annual Cannes Film Festival.

3: What's another word for pirate treasure? That's right: Booty! **Naomi Campbell** walked the catwalk during the "Vogue Italia" fashion show at the Life Ball 2012 AIDS charity fundraiser in Austria on Saturday. Looking good, Naomi! She celebrates her 42nd birthday tomorrow!

4: In bittersweet rap

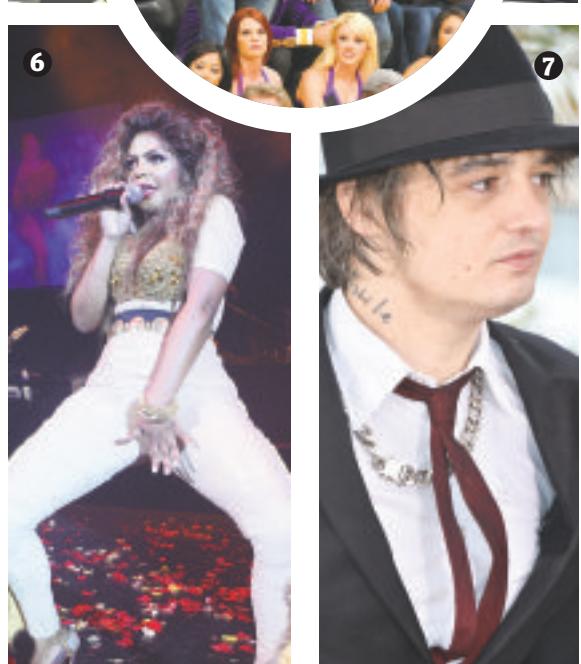
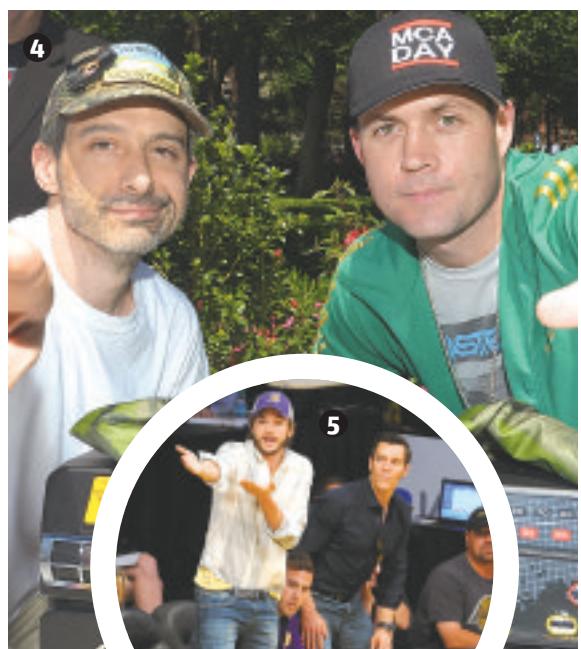
happenings this weekend, Beastie Boy **Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz**, left, stepped out to New York City's Union Square to join in on MCA Day, to celebrate the life of his collaborator **Adam "MCA" Yauch**, who died earlier this month. Ad-Rock is pictured with event organizer Michael Kearny.

5: Ashton Kutcher and P90X developer **Tony Horton** got up on their feet on Saturday during Game 4 of the NBA Western Conference semifinals, where the Los Angeles Lakers lost to the Oklahoma City Thunder.

6: Another entertainer who got on her feet this weekend was **Lil' Kim**, who performed her "Return of the Queen" concert at the Paradise Theater in New York City on Friday night. Nicki Minaj, Azealia Banks and Rye Rye, you have been warned.

7: Speaking of a big return, look who else was at Cannes! It's British rocker **Pete Doherty**. Once upon a time he was a mainstay in this column for having very public romantic relationships with both **Kate Moss** and hard drugs. He was on hand on Saturday with **Sylvie Verheyde**, who directed him in the film "Confession of a Child of the Century," where he plays a guy who turns to debauched behavior after his lover betrays him. What a stretch.

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'House' closes its doors

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If you're one of the dedicated few who have been faithfully showing up to your weekly "House" appointments, you know it's been amateur hour at Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital for the past couple of episodes. But with Wilson

(Robert Sean Leonard) on his death bed and Dr. House (Hugh Laurie) staring down prison, we're betting tonight's two-hour finale will be packed with familiar faces. Here's who we expect to make an appearance — or at least send flowers.

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► After eight seasons, the medical drama wraps up tonight with a two-hour series finale ► Who might be paying one last visit to Princeton-Plainsboro

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Mark our words: **Lisa Edelstein** has spent the past three months at pilates for her final pencil-skirt close-up. She may be through with Dr. House, but she's not through with bending over a too-low desk to sign off on charts.

Chase



Over the past eight seasons, Chase handed in his letter of resignation more often than House quit Vicodin. You can expect **Jesse Spencer** and his soap opera-hot Aussie accent to be back in a white coat tonight.

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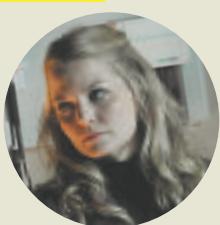
Sure, **Kal Penn**'s character committed suicide when the actor went to work for Obama. But being alive isn't a prerequisite for a "House" cameo (see right), and these days Penn only has "Harold & Kumar" commitments.

Amber



Amber's (**Anne Dudek**) death and follow-up House hauntings didn't really make sense the first time around in Season 5. But now that Wilson is dying, an appearance by his ex-wife's ghost is a little less desperate.

Cameron



She's been lurking around the department ever since she officially quit Dr. House's team, and she's always good for the pesky dose of morality that the series thrives on dissecting. **Jennifer Morrison** will be in the building tonight — although probably not too close to real-life ex-fiance and onscreen ex-husband Jesse Spencer.

Don't fear the reaper

Although the episode is titled "Everybody Dies" — a play on House's usual motto, "everybody lies" — it's not necessarily the terminally ill Wilson whose time is up tonight.

► For a show that has never played by the reaper's rules, it seems unlikely that House's best friend — and the show's only consistently likable character — will flatline. Now, as for House? That's a different story.

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'Avengers' overpowers 'Battleship' at US, Canadian box offices

Superhero movie "The Avengers" topped U.S. and Canadian box office charts for a third straight weekend with \$55.1 million, sending action movie "Battleship" into second place and toppling comedy "The Dictator," according to studio estimates on Sunday.

"Avengers," from Walt Disney Co.'s Marvel Studios, has amassed more than \$457 million in domestic ticket sales since its debut earlier this month and another \$723 million internationally for a worldwide total of \$1.18 billion, according to Disney.

"Battleship," which had high hopes of becoming a summer blockbuster in the U.S. and Canada, could muster only \$25.3 million this weekend in the face of the "Avengers" juggernaut.



► Chris Hemsworth and Chris Evans look up at the giant piles of money their movie has made.

it has taken in a total of \$24.5 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales.

"Battleship" was launched by Universal Pictures, a unit of Comcast Corp. Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures distributed "The Dictator." **REUTERS**

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This move also helps improve your balance.

2 Stretch your arms straight forward, parallel to the floor, and spread your shoulders wide across the back of your torso. Cross the arms in front of your torso so that the right arm is

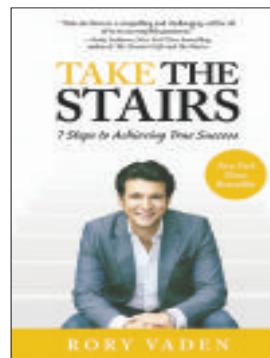
above the left, and bend your elbows. Snug the right elbow into the crook of the left and raise the forearms perpendicular to the floor. The backs of your hands should be facing each other.

3 Twist the right hand to the right and the left hand to the left so that the palms are now facing each other. The thumb of the right hand should pass in front of the little finger of the left. Press the palms together and lift your elbows as you stretch your fingers toward the ceiling.

4 Gaze down the tip of the nose and hold for 5 to 8 breaths. Repeat on other side.

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- Pose courtesy of Kristin McGee



► How to quit making excuses so you can take charge of your life ► Don't let the little things get in the way

Some people seem to have been born with a self-discipline gene that brings success and happiness, while others don't appear as lucky. But that kind of willpower isn't something we come into the world with, says Rory Vaden, a self-discipline strategist and co-founder of international training company Southwestern Consulting.

"People make excuses like, 'I don't have an iron will' or 'It's not in my DNA,'" says

Vaden, the author of "Take the Stairs: 7 Steps to Achieving True Success."

Self-discipline isn't the problem. "Procrastination is the problem. Self-discipline is the remedy," he says. "It's really not that difficult—but there are no shortcuts."

Shortcut thinking is what gets people into trouble in the first place, which was the thinking behind Vaden's book title.

"Do we take the stairs, or

the elevator? Easy, short-term choices lead to difficult long-term solutions," he says. "Problems that are procrastinated only amplify. A good example is a health problem. If you ignore it, it compounds until you're so out of shape it seems hopeless. It's the same with relationships: Any conflict that's ignored builds until everything explodes."

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His three types of procrastination

- **Classic:** constantly delaying what we should be doing
- **Creative avoidance:** filling the day with menial work and avoiding the important things
- **Priority dilution:** allowing distractions and interruptions to take priority over important tasks

Get it done

To strengthen your self-discipline muscle, Vaden suggests arming yourself with the following:

- **Relentless determination:** "Every single day, put two things on your to-do list and do them. Until you accomplish those two things, everything is a distraction."
- **Inspiration:** "People become disengaged because they are uninspired. It's not a lack of work ethic; it's a lack of vision. If you have a vision of what you want, it's context for making a short-term sacrifice."

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and strengths.

2 Understand the role that hiding behind a mask plays in your life. Are you shy, anxious or unsure? Do you feel inadequate? Perhaps you dislike attention. If so, seek help to address any underlying issues.

3 Practice expressing yourself by writing out your thoughts and feelings. Learn to express yourself clearly.

4 Don't care so much about how others perceive you, as you'll try to fulfill their expectations, not your own.

5 Do away with social comparisons. They only move you away from being who you truly are.

6 Practice opening up to people you trust.

— Jonathan Alpert is a licensed psychotherapist. His new book, "BE FEARLESS: Change Your Life in 28 Days," is available at major booksellers and Amazon.

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Dog grooming digs its way out of a down economy

According to Wendy Booth of the National Dog Groomers Association of America, only about 5 percent of groomers pursue continuing education to advance themselves.

Now, pet grooming is an almost completely unregulated, unlicensed industry. Grooming schools do not offer any official industry certification. However, a newbie with formal training from a professional groomer can get a leg up on about 95 percent of the competition.

"They had an abundance of dogs that people could work [with] hands-on. I was working on a giant schnauzer, a terrier mix, a Bedlington terrier and a Norwegian duck tolling retriever all in one week," says Charlotte Reed, who attended the New York School of Dog Grooming and later authored "The Miss Fido Manners Complete Book of Dog Etiquette."

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► **The Paragon School**

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Michigan-based Paragon stands out from other online programs because of its relationships with groomers across the country. It combines Web-based study with onsite training.

Taking just one course from a reputable school can dissolve common misconceptions, helping the student determine if the business is truly for them.

"So many people think that dog groomers get to play with dogs all day. That's not it at all. It's a timed commercial process," Booth says.

But even in a down economy, new grooming businesses continue to sprout up like a fresh coat of fur.

"In the past, grooming was mostly offered in veterinarian offices with a few professional groomers," explains Reed. "Since the 90s, there's been an influx of doggie day care, home grooming and mobile grooming — and there are still plenty of dogs that need haircuts every month in almost any location."

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**Bike beats car,
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RICH MAREN, VIA E-MAIL

While I applaud the athletic efforts of urban bicyclists to make use of human power, I simply cannot understand how these mad dashers arrive to work all sweaty and conduct themselves without offending their co-workers with their noisome body odors. Most employers do not have shower facilities, and even if they do — and

maybe call me old-fashioned — how can people walk around with rumpled clothes carried in backpacks or in bike panniers?

STEVEN SCALICI, STATEN ISLAND

"The GOP just voted down a measure to keep you out of indefinite detention without trial, decimating constitutional rights. Are you cool with that?"CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH,
BED-STUY**USPS closings OK,
but not on weekends**

Closing on Saturday is the

worst thing for the USPS to contemplate. Working people who need that post office to buy money orders and mail them out that day, over-worked people who couldn't quite get to the post office to mail that important package or letter or payment by Friday will suffer when confronted with a shut-down postal service on Saturday. Why not close on Wednesdays, instead?

D. NAKEEB, VIA E-MAIL

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RICHARD FEINBERG, VIA E-MAIL

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ANTHONY P. JOHNSON,
VIA E-MAIL**Everyone loves
puppies**

How can you run ads for a known "puppy mill" pet store? I am so disappointed that you would even allow an ad like this to appear in your paper. I know they come with money, but is it worth it? Metro does so well with carrying pet stories about rescues and adoptions that it just doesn't make sense. On one page Metro is advertising "Puppies for Sale," and on the other it's running ASPCA adoption stories about pets that need homes. Come on — stop accepting these awful ads and maybe it will help put just one of these terrible pet stores out of business!

PHYLLIS VON SASPE, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

II Gemini May 21-June 20. It behooves you to keep your cool if you start to feel like you're running out of time regarding a matter that you're anxious to finalize. If you blow your stack, you're apt to create additional problems.

© Cancer June 21-July 22. Don't let your temper flare if a thoughtless family member doesn't respond as he or she should to a kind deed. Wait to discuss it only after you're in a more tolerant mood.

© Leo July 23-Aug. 22. There is no reason why you should yield to someone who wants you to loan him or her something that you treasure. If you succumb to this person's pressure, you may be sorry.

¶ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. It might be difficult for you to determine what is harassment on your part as opposed to simply aggressiveness. Know the difference, because others most assuredly will.

■ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Although you might have to deal with someone who previously made a bad impression on you, continue to be your own sweet self. You might be surprised how nice he or she is today.

¶ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Someone you recently met and whom you like might resent it if she or he feels that you're being possessive. There's no

way a friendship can develop if there are overly tight strings attached.

↗ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Keep your wits about you in all your one-on-one relationships. This is especially true when dealing with someone who is openly hostile or stand-offish.

↘ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Even if your way of doing something is far better than others' methods, don't attempt to make people do things your way. Even if they're openly fumbling, wait for others to ask for help.

~~ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. It's not the smartest thing in the world to go out with a friend who's a high-roller unless you can afford it. You could easily get caught up in his or her big-spending ways.

↗ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Avoid discussing any disagreements with your mate until you can do so privately. A public squabble could be embarrassing — and even invite some unwanted interference.

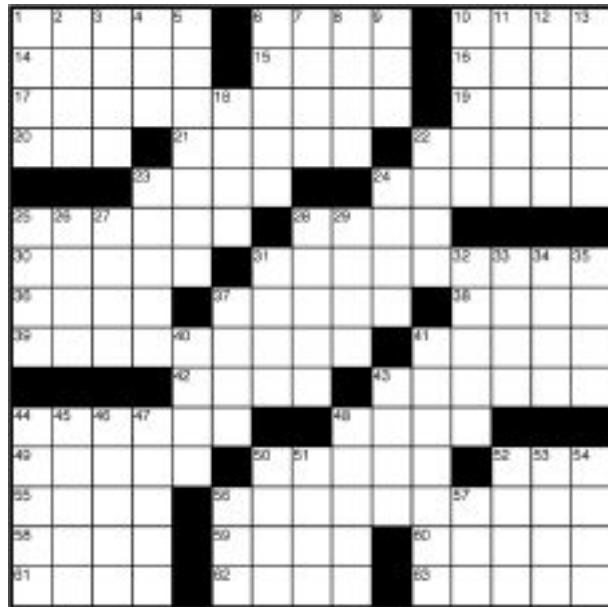
¶ Aries March 21-April 19. Just because a job is routine doesn't mean it'll be a cakewalk. If you don't have your mind on what you're doing, a serious gaffe could result. Be careful.

● Taurus April 20-May 20. It behooves you to closely monitor all matters that can adversely affect your resources if you're not careful. Even a small leak could turn into a serious drain.

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Across

- 1 Harley owner
- 6 Far-flung
- 10 Soup du
- 14 "___'s Song" (John Denver tune)
- 15 Adequate, way back
- 16 Humerus neighbor
- 17 Early observatory
- 19 Roll, as a ship
- 20 Peppery
- 21 Memory glitch
- 22 Steel-beam fastener
- 23 NBA officials
- 24 In a good mood
- 25 Inflexible
- 28 Bill of Rights org.
- 30 Foot the bill
- 31 Airy pastry (2 wds.)
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- 37 Start a PC session (2 wds.)
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- 39 Remarkable
- 41 DeGeneres sitcom
- 42 You can dig it
- 43 Was on the team
- 44 Roaches and mice
- 48 ___ de force
- 49 Native Alaskan
- 50 Charters
- 52 Murphy Brown's show
- 55 Indigo plant
- 56 Soft coal
- 58 Pale-green moth
- 59 Small guitars
- 60 Out loud
- 61 Pisces or Libra
- 62 Cat burglar's quest
- 63 Minneapolis suburb

**Down**

- 1 Lavish party
- 2 Crazy about

- 3 Board imperfection
- 4 Drei minus zwei
- 5 Keep in office
- 6 Sobs
- 7 Rustic lodgings
- 8 Venetian magistrate
- 9 Pasture grazer
- 10 Ms. Christie
- 11 Dark complexion
- 12 Bobby of Indy fame
- 13 Tattered
- 18 Ax handle
- 22 Baba au __
- 23 Gaucho's rope
- 24 "Braveheart" group
- 25 Wild guess
- 26 ZZ Top, e.g.
- 27 Pull apart
- 28 Dispute
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- 32 ___ front or bear
- 33 Hostile, as a crowd
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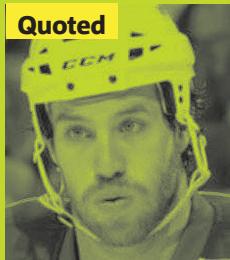
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"I'm not too worried about what he has to say. He's not my coach."

BRANDON PRUST, ON PETER DEBOER SAYING HE WAS "HEAD-HUNTING"

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Tortorella rips Devils

Consider the rivalry truly begun ▶ Rangers coach doesn't talk much, but when he does, it's fiery ▶ Accuses New Jersey of dirty play, flopping

Rangers head coach John Tortorella returned fire one day after Devils head coach Peter DeBoer called Brandon Prust's unpunished elbow to the back of Anton Volchenkov's head in Game 3 Saturday afternoon "head-hunting."

"Prust has played probably 300-plus games without any hearing. He's probably one of the most honest players," Tortorella said in an impassioned defense of his player. "I don't know what I'm going to do with the lineup. I don't think he should be suspended."

Prust has actually played in 279 regular seasons games with the Rangers, Coyotes and Flames. He led the Rangers with 156 penalty minutes while playing all 82 games in the regular season. His 20 fighting majors tied him for the NHL lead.

"Great guy on and off the ice, and his play speaks for itself," teammate Michael Del Zotto said. "You see how hard he works out there. He's never been a dirty player."

Tortorella used his bully pulpit to charge that the Devils have gotten away with penalties and used embellishment as



▶ Tortorella (pictured) and DeBoer traded insults after a brawl in the regular season as well.

a tactic to draw penalties.

"I look at [Dainius] Zubrus' elbow to [Anton] Stralman. I look at [Zach] Parise launching himself at Del Zotto. Maybe if our players stayed down on the ice, we'll get something," Tortorella said. "We tell our play-

ers don't stay down on the ice. Get up. I'll leave it at that."

He didn't.

"If we want to start discussing officials with the media, I have a long list here. That's a set play by Jersey. Pickling so we can't get to Ko-

valchuk to block a shot," Tortorella said.

When told of Tortorella's comments, DeBoer termed them "comical."

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Prust has spent 27 minutes in the penalty box in the Rangers' 17 playoff games. That is tied for fourth in the NHL with Phoenix's Shane Doan and Martin Hanzel.



Prust gets suspended for Game 4

While opposing head coaches John Tortorella and Peter DeBoer traded barbs over the weekend, the NHL made the decision late last night to suspend Brandon Prust for Game 4 tonight (8 p.m., NBC Sports).

Brendan Shanahan, who metes out punishment on behalf of the NHL's Department of Supplemental Discipline, made the decision.

Prust reiterated yesterday that the elbow to Anton Volchenkov was accidental.

"It's just kind of a reaction when you're off balance and your arms go up. I didn't want to do a faceplant into the boards," Prust said. "It was just kind of a reaction. I had no intent to hit him in the head there. There was nothing vicious about it."

Shanahan disagreed.

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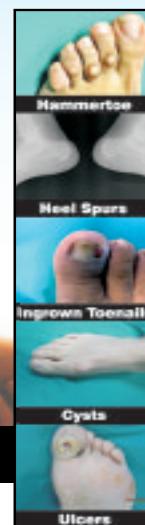
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It was the same feeling many Yankees felt after a 5-2

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loss to the Reds yesterday that featured three fly outs by Rodriguez.

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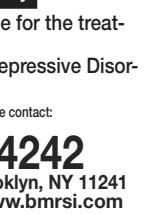
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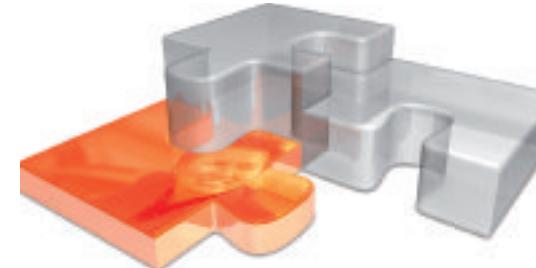
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